

The True Northerner.

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We are indebted to Mr. G. E. Chappell, our accommodating telegraph operator, for the following latest news in regard to the condition of the President:

EXECUTIVE MANSION, July 6, 8:30 p. m.

The President's condition continues as favorable as at last report. He has passed a very comfortable day, taking more nourishment than yesterday. Pulse, 104; temperature, 100; respiration, 23. No further bulletin will be issued to-night unless the condition becomes unfavorable.

(Signed) D. W. BLISS.

July 7—2:45 a. m.

The President is resting quietly. Pulse below 100. Conditions all favorable.

4:30 a. m.

There is no unfavorable change in the President's condition.

7:30 a. m.

The President passed a very comfortable night and is thought to be somewhat improved this morning.

9 a. m.

The President passed a comfortable night and continues steadily improving. He is cheerful and asks for additional food. Pulse, 94; temperature, 99; respiration, 23.

10:45 a. m.

Attorney-General McVeigh says the condition of the President is very favorable indeed. He does not consider that the President is out of danger, but says he appears to be passing out of it as steadily and rapidly as can be expected.

The best and safest remedy for that phase of insanity manifested by the assassin Guiteau is a judicious application of hempen cord.

Mrs. Garfield has manifested the true spirit of a true American woman in her terrible affliction. She has shown herself to be a brave and noble wife of a brave and noble husband.

Guiteau, the assassin, is reported as becoming restless and uneasy. He is seriously disappointed in not becoming a hero. He is now regarded more in the light of a political fanatic than as an insane man. It is said that he will certainly get his deserts if tried in Washington, as he must be. He has a haggard appearance and his eyes are bloodshot. We could earnestly wish it was his head that was blood shot, a few feet from his body at that.

"If this 'ere thing ain't stopped—if the Republican party ain't turned out of office soon, bankruptcy and ruin will certainly overtake us!" Jess so! It does look bad, doesn't it? The reduction of the national debt for the month of June was \$12,323,169, or \$473,967 for each working day, \$47,396 for each working hour, (10 hours a day) \$789,920 for each minute and \$13.16 for each second. The reduction for the fiscal year ending June 30th, was \$101,573,483, or \$324,515 for each working day, \$32,451 for each working hour, (10 hours a day) \$540 per minute, and \$54.00 per second.

During the past year a large per centage of our pensions which have exceeded sixty millions were for the payment of arrears, so that we may reasonably expect quite a falling off in our pension payments for the coming year, which, together with the large reduction of interest resulting from the funding from higher to lower rates, and the payment of a hundred millions of principal, will materially reduce our burdens, thereby enabling us to still more rapidly reduce the volume of our indebtedness. Well may we ask what are we coming to?

The people of this nation never knew how well they loved their Chief Magistrate until the news of his assassination was flashed over the country on Saturday morning last. At first it was scarcely credited, but when confirmatory dispatches were received they fell with crushing weight on the entire nation. Politics and partisanship were forgotten, and all men—with a few, and thank God only a few infamous exceptions—were stricken with sorrow and grief. Strong men clasped each other by the hand and wept as men have not wept since the murder of Lincoln, sixteen years ago. Continually since the news of the attempted assassination have the prayers of the nation and of the world been ascending to God that the life of one so dear to all might be spared, and while we have been hoping against hope at the present time it almost seems as if the fervent petitions of a grief-stricken people were to be favorably answered. There is but one feature lacking of the whole horrible crime which could have intensified the magnitude of its infamy, and that is, that it was not the result of any political ambition or intrigue on the part of any man, or set of men. Bitter things have been spoken and written concerning our Vice-President, Mr. Arthur, in connection with this lamentable affair, words entirely unwarranted and uncalled for, and for which the facts of the case afford no basis. It is entirely probable that the assassin stands wholly alone in his infamy. There is no political significance of the slightest kind or character in the attempted murder, and for this all men should be thankful.

To America belongs the unenviable distinction of having furnished to the world three of the greatest villains who ever cursed the earth—Benedict Arnold, John Wilkes Booth and Charles J. Guiteau, and the last of these is the most infamous of the infamous trio. Benedict Arnold betrayed his country during a war which most other countries regarded as a rebellion which they hoped would be subdued, and had their hopes been gratified he would not have been looked upon as the double dyed traitor that he was.

J. Wilkes Booth murdered one of the noblest and most pure minded rulers the world ever saw, but he at least had the excuse of a rebellion which they hoped would be subdued, and had their hopes been gratified he would not have been looked upon as the double dyed traitor that he was.

But not one extenuating feature can be imagined to mitigate the awful, horrible crime of this modern assassin—this most infamous of all infamous villains who ever cursed this earth—Guiteau.

It is absolutely inconceivable that any human being could become so lost to every trait of humanity as to deliberately murder in cold blood so eminent, so good, so kind and so noble a man and ruler as our beloved President. In a time of profound peace—in an era of national prosperity—without the pitiful excuse of personal injury, real or imagined, with no sentiment of hatred or revenge in his heart, this hardened wretch, for six long weeks, deliberately plans the most causeless, horrible and dastardly assassination which the world ever witnessed or the mind of man ever conceived; and then as coolly and as deliberately executes his diabolical intent, but not without first having prepared beforehand his means of escape, and having deliberately planned for a plea of insanity in case of capture. But we trust this plea may prove of none effect in his case, for although a man who is capable of devising and executing such a revolting crime may not be sane like the mass of mankind, there is so much method in his madness that it is evident he is sane enough to be held entirely responsible for the consequences of his awful crime.

Let him hang higher than Haman! is the judgment of the American people, and all the civilized world will cry AMEN!

Great Britain is the sixth country in point of population of the world; the United States is the second. At the same rate of increase during the next decade as there has been in the last, the United States will contain more inhabitants than any other nation on the earth.

MARCELLUS.

Mrs. N. Griswold has gone to Flint to see a sick sister.

Sol. Colterman says he saw the comet one night last week. Eh, Sol?

Gardner Bro's. have sold their entire stock of groceries to Add. Sill.

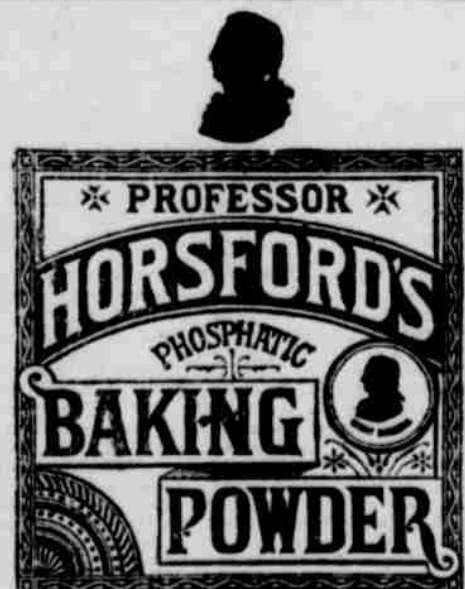
S. S. Ennis and wife spent Sunday in Battle Creek, visiting friends.

If you want a cigar, ask Art. Mann if he went to Three Rivers to the show.

Hank Kitten has the job of painting the Sanborn Hotel and the new school house.

Our citizens were shocked on Saturday morning on hearing of the shooting of President Garfield. As the news was caught off the wire by our operator the excitement ran high and business was almost suspended. Men stood around in small groups and talked in low tones, and the look upon their faces showed how deeply they were affected. The days of our murdered Lincoln came back fresh in their minds, and could the assassin have fallen into their hands, no judge or jury would have been needed.

The most exciting race of the season came off on the 29th of last month, between Phil. Phurtenbaugh and his wife. She, with her son, got a livery team to go to Three Rivers to the show, and Phil. wanted to ride with them, which request they refused. Phil. imagined he smelt a huge rat and started on foot, arriving in town three-quarters of an hour ahead of the team, making the last quarter in less time than the first. After satisfying himself that it was not the aforesaid rat from which the perfumery came, he returned home in time to put in half a day—sitting in the house.

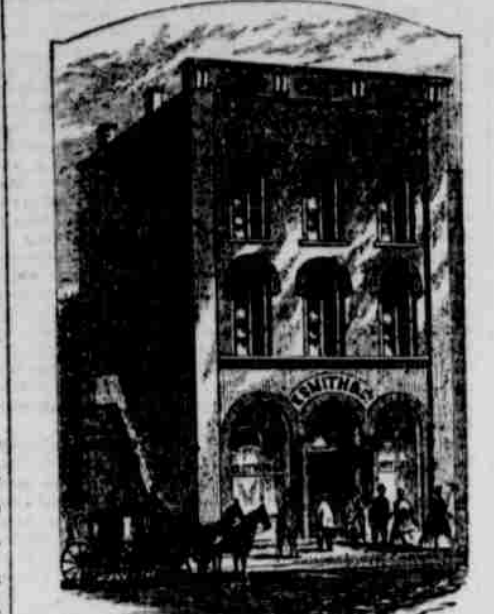


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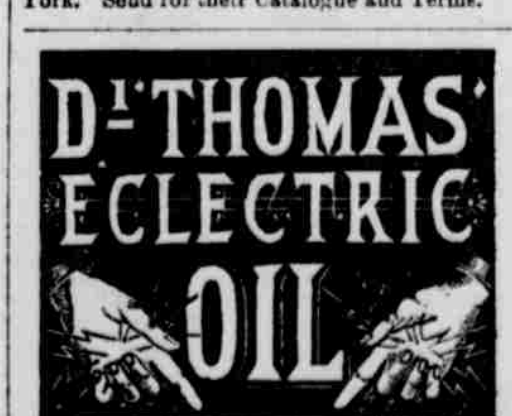
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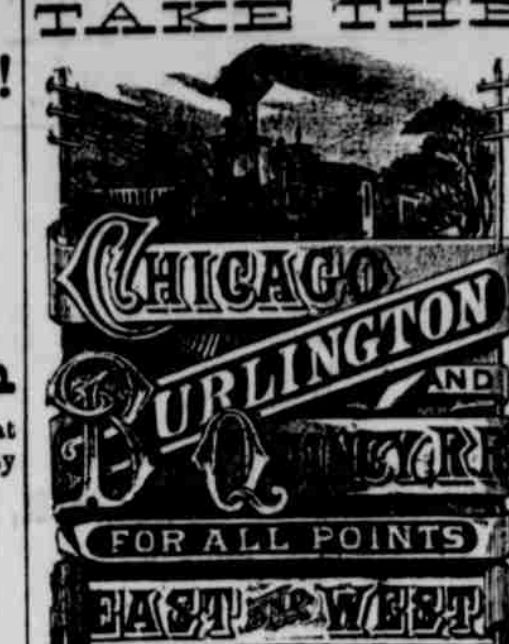
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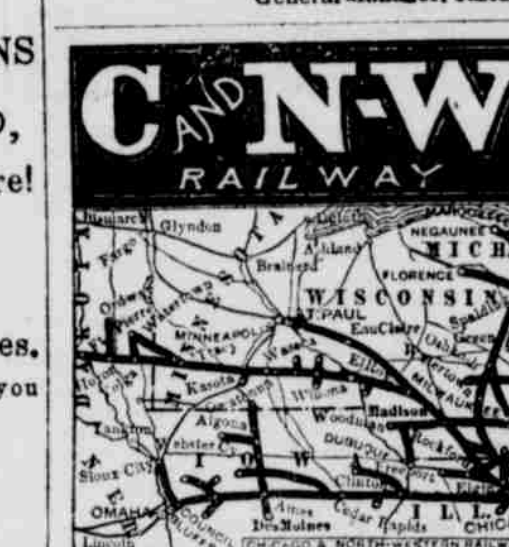
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